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## Summit Calls For Library Changes

The 2,000 citizens voting at the Citizen Summit Nov. 19 at the DC Convention center want DC's libraries to be centers of community life, have more computers for the public and offer "lifelong learning" courses.

The DC Public Library system was one of four topics discussed and voted on in small table groups spread over the convention floor. Individual keypads and laptop computers at each table sent votes and comments to be displayed on large projection screens.

Activities for youth brought agreement that mentoring and tutoring programs and early learning programs were most important for young children. Older youth need mentoring, job readiness, communication skills and financial literacy programs, the 2000 attendees felt.

To the question, "What can be done to make mixed-income housing around public transportation workable?" the citizens said, "... make sure that developers include affordable housing and include residents in the planning process of development projects." Rent control was supported.

On the Districts efforts to expand job opportunities, the summit voters stressed the need for a living wage, and support services such as day care, housing and transportation and to focus on ex-offenders, the chronically unemployed and those with language barriers.

A table of demographics of the attendees at the summit is included on the website [www.citizensummit.dc.gov](http://www.citizensummit.dc.gov), showing that all ages, races and incomes were represented. Ward 6 (which includes Near Southwest), which has 12% of the city's population, had 10% of the voters at the summit.

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## Jefferson Volleyball Champs

SW's Jefferson Jr. High 's volley ball team won the 2005 city championship by defeating Deal Jr. High 20-18 and 20-18.

*Jefferson Jr. Volley Ball Champions: Front Row, left to right: Krystal Bullock, Nina Liu, Siera Toney, Jasmine Young, Jocelyn Mallory, Lauren Mauney, and Audrianna Henderson. Middle Row, left to right: Manager Joi Martin, Victoria Davis, Lakeita Williams, Devylle Campbell, Tram Ngol, Victoria McGee, Manager Michelle Flowers, and Coach Ms. Shantel Washington. Back Row, left to right: Jannel Alston, Carla Tyler and Shanise Bush (Not shown Kyana Fields.*

## MLK Birthday Holiday

Monday, Jan. 15, will be a national holiday, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## No SWNA Meeting in Dec.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is not meeting during December. The public meetings sponsored by SWNA will resume Jan.23.

## Baseball Reports to ANC/SWNA



All in one room on Nov. 28, officials from 8 agencies gave their views on the new Ballpark and its effect on Near SW/SE, and fielded questions from an overflow audience gathered as a neighborhood forum by the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D and Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Robert Bobb, City Administor, and many other officials had spent the morning and afternoon in a public panel and Council meeting on the subject of the ballpark. He reported that increases in cost estimates for the stadium will derail some of the features originally thought to be covered. Expansion of the Navy Yard METRO station will be minimized. Roadwork for access to the ballpark will be scaled back. Environmental control will be less. Some aspects of desired stadium design will change.

Toni Griffin, Anacostia Waterfront

*Above left, Robert Bobb, City Administrator; above center, Toni Griffin, Anacostia Waterfront Corporation; above right, Ellen McCarthy, Office of Planning. Below, Susan Gilbert, DOES*



Corporation, reported that AWC will be the landowner of the ballpark site and that of major concern is the use of the

land surrounding the ballpark to activate the Anacostia waterfront, provide

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## Southwest Community Calendar

December 20, 2005 - January 31, 2006

### MONTHLY

**TUES. DEC. 20** Mozart Chamber music, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

**FRI. DEC. 23** No school til Jan 6?, 2006

**SUN. DEC. 25** Christmas Day

**MON. DEC. 26** Hanukkah, Kwanza starts

**MON. DEC. 26** NO SWNA MEETING ON FOURTH Mon. this month

**SAT. DEC. 31** New Years Eve

**MON. JAN 2** New Year's Day observed - holiday

**TUES. JAN 3** Police CAC, 415 4th St SW, 7 pm

**FRI. JAN 6** school starts?

**WED. JAN 11** AARP, St. Matthew's? 222 M St. SW, 12:00

**MON. JAN 9** ANC meeting open to the public 65 I (Eye) St. SW, 7 pm

**TUES. JAN. 10** Mozart chamber Music, St. Augustine Episcopal church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

**SAT. JAN 14** public breakfast \$5 Christ United Methodist Church, Wesley Pl & K SW  
(entrance across from SW Library) 9-11 am

**SUN. JAN. 15**, Mozart Chamber Music, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

**MON. JAN 16** Martin Luther King Jr Birthday Holiday observed

**WED. JAN 18** Wilson High PTSA at Wilson library, Chesapeake Ave NW & 40th St. NW 7 pm

**THURS. JAN 19** NARFE Holiday Party, Phillips Restaurant, 10th & Water St. SW, 11:30 am

**MON. JAN 23** Public Meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, St. Augustine Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW 7:30 - 9 pm

**TUES. JAN. 24**, Mozart Chamber Music, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

**TUES. JAN. 31**, Mozart Chamber Music, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**SW CITIZEN'S PATROL** with Officer Kenny Daniels every Tues. at 7:00 pm - meet at 4th & M St., SW next to Waterfront Metro elevator

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** - First & Third Sat., SW Library, 10:00 am

**FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS** - Second & Fourth Wed., SW Library, 6:15 pm

**SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS** - every Tues. , 400 Virginia Ave., SW Room 488, noon

**COLLECTORS CLUB STAMPS** - First & third Wed., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St., SW, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

**SW KIWANIS** - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St., SW, 6:30 pm

**NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS** - Every Wed. GSA Bldg., 7th & D St., SW, Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon

**LABYRINTH WALK** - First & Third Wed., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. , SW 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. January 4

## Bazaar At 401 M SW

A busy day for browsing and shopping was organized by Nadine P. Winter's (shown below left) cancer outreach volunteers on Dec. 10. Santa Claus and flu shots and health information mixed with the tables of gifts and wearables for sale.

Below, "Santa" cheered up the youngsters.

Below right, Flu shots were administered by Pecolia Davis.



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Amidon Elementary School brought a chorus from the school.



Stringed instruments were played by Bowen Elementary School students.

## Bowen, Amidon Students Perform

American Education Month Sunday was observed by students of Southwest Elementary Schools performing at Westminster Church.

## SW at "Awake & Sing" January 27

The \$10 SW night at Arena Stage's production of "Awake and Sing" will be Fri. night Jan. 27. The Mon. night "Molly's Salon" will be Jan. 23

## College Grants Awarded

For the 2005-2006 college year the SW Scholarship Fund has awarded six grants of \$1,000 each and two \$500 grants to students living in zip code 20024. Students and their colleges are as follows:

Eugenia Norde, NC A&T (award provided by Friends of River Park); Courtney Dobbins, Hampton U; Danielle Flythe, Syracuse U.; Makai Kellogg, Trinity College; Sydney Henriques-Payne, U of Pittsburg; Keith Thompson, Virginia State U; Melony Hawkins, U of MD; Wayne Mack, McDaniel College.

## Foreign Policy Topics: From China to Human Rights

The eight topics for 2006 home discussions on "Great Decisions" will vary from "Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism" (to be discussed Wed. evening Jan. 25) to "China and India: Partners or Competitors", for discussion in Aug. 2006.

The Foreign Policy Association in NY issues a study guide (\$15) on eight topics for monthly study by groups, like the Southwest group, all over the country. Other topics this year and dates you can join the SW discussion group are: "Turkey", Feb. 22; "UN Reform" Mar. 22; The US and Iran Apr. 26; "Energy Resources" May 24; "Brazil" June 28; "Global Health Pandemics and Security" July 26.

Spaces are available in the SW group, which will meet in Coralie Farlee's River Park townhouse near 4<sup>th</sup> & O St. S.W. from 7 to 9 pm on those Wed. nights. For more information or to sign up contact Ms Farlee 554-4407 or cfarlee@mindspring.com.

## H2O Helps Katrina Survivors

The Katrina Fund started by former Presidents Clinton and Bush has received \$10,000 from H2O Restaurant & Lounge. Survivors arriving in the D.C. area were hosted for a meal at the restaurant.

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## "Grease" Performed At Wilson High

Students at Wilson High staged a number of performances of the 1950s musical "Grease" in Nov.

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Rev. Martha K. Clark of St. Augustine Episcopal Church and Rev. Phillip C. Huber of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church shared duties at the first of months of joint services of the two congregations held at St. Augustine's sanctuary at 6th and Maine Ave. SW. Dec. 4. St. Matthew is building a new church and housing units at its site at 3rd and M St. SW.

Music duties were shared by Joyce Bouvier and Glorious Broughton

## Wilson High Gets More Autonomy

The DC Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Janey, has agreed to give Wilson High School more money and more flexibility, without Wilson converting to a public charter school.

An agreement will be negotiated with Wilson that may become a model for other high performing public schools. It will cover the weighted school formula, facilities and technology, procurement, academic programs and governance and accountability.

In the short term Dr. Janey committed to respond to pending work orders and internet and procurement requirements.

Over the next few months feeder schools to Wilson (such as Jefferson Jr. High), parents, faculty and student input will be sought. For information contact Wilson's Local School Restructuring Team co-chairs Marlene Berlin (362-8866) [mberlin@baller.com](mailto:mberlin@baller.com) or Chuck Samuel (434-7311) [casamuels@mintz.com](mailto:casamuels@mintz.com).

## More Wilson High News

**PHONATHON IN FEB.** Wilson's annual fundraising by phone will be in early Feb. 2006. In 2005 the drive netted over \$33,000 for things like violin strings and football helmets and academic grants for classrooms. To sign up for a few evening hours as a Feb. volunteer call Roberta McInerney at 202-537-1729 or Jeanne Fitzpatrick at 202-364-4420.

**SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Varsity Boys soccer won its second consecutive DC Public School championship, defeating Bell 2-0. Girls Volleyball won its eighth consecutive DCIAA championship, defeating Bell. Boys Cross Country won its 7th consecutive DCIAA title and Girls Cross Country its second consecutive DCIAA title.

## Workshops By Arena Stage

Visits to community groups by Arena Stage artists are sponsored by the theatre's education staff. "Drama intensive" programs on such topics as playwriting, creative drama and group empowerment can be customized to suit the group. Call 234-5782 or email [education@arenastage.org](mailto:education@arenastage.org).

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### Bargains At Damn Yankees

Arena Stage has a cut-rate bargain price for its showing of the baseball-themed musical *Damn Yankees* through Feb. 5. In a Family Fun Pack, four seats go for about half price, with free sodas and snacks thrown in. (But unlike baseball, the treats are to be enjoyed in the lobby, not your seats).

Twenty area schools will bring students on stage to sing "You've Gotta Have Heart," during each performance.



## Baseball

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housing and retail both as a destination and retail to serve the neighborhood. The corporation website is [www.anacostiawaterfront.net](http://www.anacostiawaterfront.net). Their phone is 202-724-3780 and office is at 1401 New Jersey Ave. SE until they find a new office in Anacostia.

Ellen McCarthy, D.C. Office of Planning is working on criteria for the Zoning Commission to consider the Ballpark plan.

Susan Gilbert and Eugene Phillips reported for the Department of Employ-

ment Services on their efforts to maximize jobs for DC residents, with pre-apprenticeship programs. They expect to repeat the success they had at RFK Stadium in hiring DC residents where 2/3 were DC residents.

Claude Bailey, General Counsel, DC Sports and Entertainment Commission, stressed to sit down with the community to talk about the environmental impact on the local community and benefits that the community wants.

Crystal Stone of the Clark/Hunt Smoot Management Team. Bids will include DC residents in the work force. The company wishes to meet with the community regularly as work progresses.



Claude Bailey, Sports & Entertainment Commission.



Crystal Stone, Clark/Hunt Smoot.

John Deatruck and Kathleen Penny of the District Dept. of Transportation reported that there will be two job centers in SW and SE for hiring and apprenticeship applications. The overall effect on traffic and parking will be considered as the ballpark and the many other construction projects in Near SW/SE progress.

Jim Hughes of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

reported on the experience of this year's baseball games at RFK stadium. Half of the 26,000 average attendance this year came by METRO. At RFK 11,500 people moved through the Stadium Armory station within 45 minutes after an average game. The present capacity of the Navy Yard station is 5,000 persons an hour. Original plans for modifying the Navy Yard station are too expensive.

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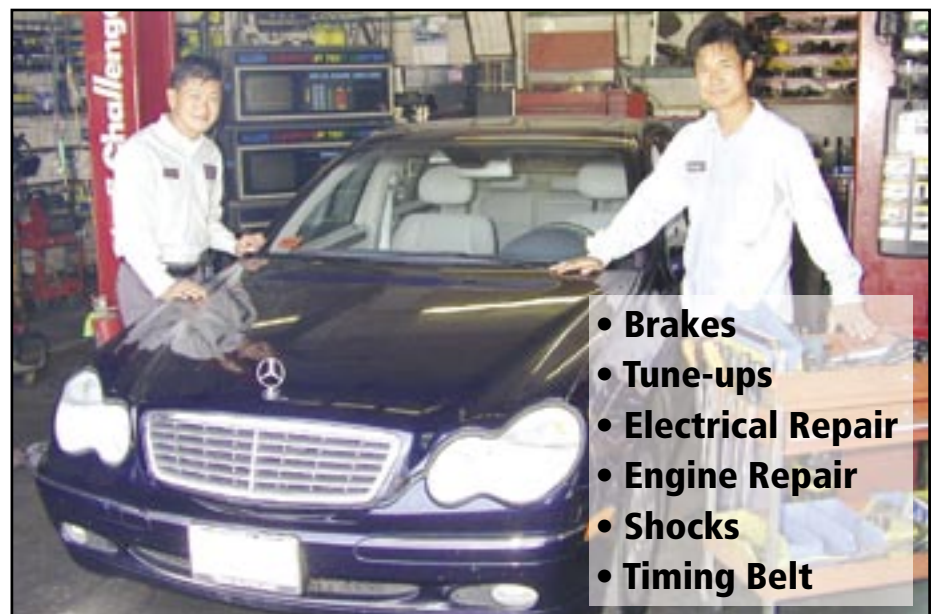
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# I Can't Believe They're Gone

By Curtis Benson, SW resident

Life is not the same when a young man is taken down. We lose a lot, cry a lot but that won't bring them back.

Sometimes I walk alone to talk to The Lord and ask him why is this world falling apart, and what can I do to save what we have left, 'cause every time I hear gunshots tears fall from my eyes.

I still can't believe that Kirk-Kirk, George, Kenny, Dawin, Danny, Paul, Greg, Ish, Squirmy, Weaver, Bobby,

Moshawn, But-But and Curtis had to die. When you see me you never see a smile, 'cause I'm always crying inside, 'cause I still can't believe that they all gone.

So all I'm asking is, Can we all become as one? 'Cause I'm tired of seeing South-west looking like the crossroad and people walking around like lost souls.

P.S. Kirk-Kirk tell Carrington, Biggie and Eazy-E I will see them when I come home.

What I'm trying to say, You can be born today and gone tomorrow.

## Sassy Seniors at KGL Rec

Registration for 2006 is now underway  
- Kim Campbell 645-7454

**MON.** 10-11 am - Gym walk/fitness  
11-1 Card, table & board games, billiards

**TUES.** 10-11 Low impact aerobics  
11-12 Basic computer ins. class  
12-1 Crocheting, Sewing

**WED.** 10-11 Gym walk, line dancing  
11-1 Card, table, board games, billiards  
1-2 pot luck (nutritious lunch)

**THURS.** 10-11 low impact aerobics  
11-12 basic computer ins. class  
12-2 prize bingo

**FRI.** 10-2 Leisure outings  
Or 10-11 motivational speaking  
11-12 elegant ladies modeling



Santa at H2O.



Anacostia Waterfront Corp. funded holiday activities ashore to accompany the Lighted Boat Parade.

## Gregory Kirkland, Drive-by Victim

Gregory Kirkland, 18, of 1400 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW, was killed when standing in the 1300 block of First St. SW, across from the new KGL Recreation Center. A dark green Lincoln Continental approached the scene, killing Kirkland and injuring a 19 year old and a 17 year old.

## Lend Me Your Ear

By Mr. Ellis and the King-Greenleaf Staff

If you could for one second,  
Please lend me your ear.  
As we sit and cry tears  
For another loved one no longer here.

Lend me your ear  
As you reflect on your own life.  
Take the time to ask yourself,  
When will I start to live right?

How many more of my friends have to die  
Before I understand that play time is over.  
It's time to accept the responsibility  
Of being a man.

Look in the mirror and truly ask  
yourself  
Am I doing all I can  
To prepare for my future, and  
Do I even have a plan?

The future is looking bleak.  
I see our kids on the streets  
At all times of the night  
Doing things that aren't right.

Living for the day.  
No future plans in sight.  
Doing just enough  
To get through the next night.

The cycle has to stop,  
And if not with you, then with who?  
First George, now Kirk.  
When will the message finally get through.

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# SW Kidsafe After School Program Hosts Gala Thanksgiving Eve Dinner

By Naomi Monk and Robert Marshall

On Thanksgiving Eve, The **SW Kidsafe After School Program** hosted a gala program and delicious dinner in Southwest DC for its students and their parents.

The dinner was held at the Randall Recreational Center. Before getting down to the business of feasting on roast turkey, potato salad, dressing, sweet potatoes and the like, talented students rewarded those in attendance with songs and readings. One family of students performed as a group that was reminiscent of the early Jackson 5 (Michael Jackson and his siblings). Assisting with the dinner were youth tutors from nearby Jefferson Junior High School and area universities and



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colleges. The dinner was underwritten by generous businesses and individuals in the Southwest Community.

The **SW Kidsafe After School Pro-**

**gram** was originally established at 205 L Street, SW and later moved in the fall of this year to the the Randall Recreation Center. Presently, thirty-two students, mostly from Anthony Bowens Elementary School - grades 2nd thru- 6th - participate.

**KidSafe Staff:** Julia S. Bowens, President/Executive Director; Katherine Crawford, Director, Programs for Children and Youth; Angie Morrison, Director, Project ALERT (Adult Literacy and Employment Readiness Training).

**Southwest KidSafe Center Staff:** Philip Edwards, Site Coordinator; Donna Williamson, Lead Teacher; Gloria Scott, Certified Teacher and Yvonne Armstrong, Instructional Aide



*Ms. Donna Williams, Lead Instructor, with students and Youth Tutors.*

**Youth Tutors;** Raymond Boston, Quanae Briscoe, Alecia Campbell, Brian Dyson, Litiwa Dyson, Donzell Mitchell, Carlethia Wade, Chanelle Wanzor, Ronnell Wanzor, Anthony Williams



*From left to right: Mr. Tommy Wells, District 3 (Wards 5 and 6) Representative to the Board of Education; Ms. Naomi Monk, Chair of Community Advisory Group; Ms. Jo Gist, Member of the Community Advisory Group; and Ms. Julia Bowens, Director, KidSafe.*



*Ms. Yolanda Armstrong, Instructional Assistant; and Ms. Georgia Scott, Instructor; with students.*



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## The Southwest Chamber Players

Bring 5 weeks of “**Maximally Mozart**” to Southwest, DC



From Tues., Dec. 20 through Tues., Jan. 31 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's **250th birthday** will be celebrated with five concerts of his chamber music for strings, wind instruments, piano and his opera arias to the stage at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and Maine Ave., SW, at 7:30 pm each evening, followed by a public reception in an adjacent room.

These outstanding musicians start this series with a **Christmas program** Tues. Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm, (with some Bach, Hayden and carols added to the Mozart and a special appearance by the Potomac Mandolin Ensemble).

### TUES. DEC. 20, 7:30 PM – Donn Giovanni, Bach, Haydn and Christmas

Mozart works are: Arias from *Donn Giovanni*; Andante, K. 315; Rondo, K. 373 for flute; three Lieder; Concerto for Horn and Piano in Eb major, K. 495; Andante from Clarinet Concerto, K. 622.

Works by J.S. Bach will be *Wachet auf* from Cantata 140 and Sonata for Flute in E minor, BWV 1031; Serenade for Flute by Haydn, two carols by John Joseph Niles and communal Christmas carols will follow.

The Potomac Mandolin Ensemble will complete the program.



### SUN., JAN. 15, 7:30 PM – Strings, Clarinet, Violin and Piano

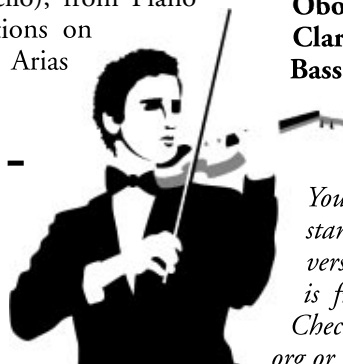
Sonata for Violin and Piano, K. 377; Quintet for Strings in A major, K. 593  
Quintet for Clarinet and Strings, K. 581

### TUES., JAN. 24, 7:30 PM – Arias from Idomeneo; piano sonata, strings

Quartet for Piano and Strings, K. 478; Rondo alla turca (with cello), from Piano Sonata in A major, K.331; Variations on Salieri's "Mi caro adone", K.180; Arias from Idomeneo

### TUES. JAN. 31, 7:30 PM – Quintet for Piano and Winds

Quintet for Piano and Winds, K. 452; Variations on a Theme of Paisiello, K. 398; Arias from



*Magic Flute and Marriage of Figaro.*

*Performing these concerts for the Southwest Chamber Players are many artists from previous years:*

**Singers:** Joyce Bouvier, Rosemarie Houghton, Beth Lawrence, Jonathan Ward;

**Violin:** Grace Boeringer, Carol Hall, Cecilie Jones, Jean Provine, Joyce Rizzolo;

**Viola:** Kathy Ferger, Robert Huesmann, Donald Maclean;

**Cello:** Brigitta Gruenther, John Kaboff, Jan Timbers, Emily Toll;

**Flute:** Gwyn Jones, Visnja Kosanovic, Atsuko Nakamura;

**Oboe:** Steven Key

**Clarinet:** Wendi Hatton, Jerry Schwarz

**Bassoon:** Dilyana Kirova

**Horn:** Jason Koczur;

**Piano:** David Ehrlich

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### TUES., JAN. 10, 7:30 PM – Piano, violin, viola, flute

Abendempfindung, K. 523; Piano Trio, K. 564; Duo for violin and viola, K. 423; Concerto for Flute and Piano, K. 314.



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